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ABSTRACT

A series of data tables and graphs provides a longitudinal summary of information about the students at Los Angeles City College who earned an Associate of Arts degree (AA) from 1964 through 1980. The first table offers information about selected student characteristics, including number of graduates, percent of total enrollment who graduated, number and percent of males and females, and number and percent completing work in the Spring semester. The second table indicates students' stated majors at graduation, grouped and totaled by department. The final table reveals the numbers of students majoring in eight curricular areas, i.e., business, fine arts, sciences, communications, social sciences, vocational-health, vocational-technical, and college transfer. Graphs corresponding to these tables make the trends in the data over this 16-year period apparent. Analysis of the data reveals that: (1) the number of AA degrees awarded annually rose from approximately 900 in the mid-1960's to a peak of 1,719 in 1976, and then dropped to 1,243 in 1979 and 1,251 in 1980; (2) the number of graduates has amounted to between 5% and 10% of the total Spring enrollment; (3) approximately 33% of the graduates completed their work in the Fall semester, while the remaining students finished in the Spring; and (4) since 1972, more females than males have earned associate degrees. (JP)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

This study was initiated to provide a longitudinal look at characteristics of students earning the A.A. degree at Los Angeles City College. Although less than one in five students who enter LACC persist to the granting of the A.A. degree, many thousands of the degrees have been awarded at LACC in its more than fifty years of existence.

It is known that many students transfer or obtain a job without completing degree requirements, and other students take classes for personal development, in-service training, or other reasons and obtaining an A.A. degree is not their objective. Nevertheless, analysis of characteristics of students obtaining A.A. degrees provides an important perspective on the college's accomplishment of its mission.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Data for the LACC graduates were obtained from Admissions Office records. Most of the data come from statistical tabulations made by the Graduation Unit of that office. As some of the information was incomplete, student's stated major for certain years was tabulated from lists printed in graduation programs. Inasmuch as some students on the list did not subsequently graduate on schedule, some totals in the data following do not match. However, such discrepancies have little apparent effect on the overall picture.

FINDINGS

Table 1 presents some selected statistics on LACC graduates over the period 1964-1980. Included are number of graduates, percent of total enrollments, number and percent male, and number and percent completing work in the Spring semester. Figure 1 presents some of this information graphically.

Table 2 indicates students' stated majors at graduation, grouped and totaled by department.

In order to obtain an estimate of trends in broad areas of majors, department totals were grouped subjectively into the following seven categories:

Category	Department
Business	Business Administration
Fine Arts	Art, Music, Theatre
Sciences	Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Life Science, Mathematics, Physics
Communications	English, Foreign Language, Speech
Social Sciences	American Cultures, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Sciences
Vocational - Health	Dental, Family and Consumer Science, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Optics, Physical Education, Radiologic Technology
Vocational - Technical	Computer & Electronics Technology, Law, Media Arts, Office Administration, Radio-TV-Film, Transportation

Students who declined to state a major but met minimum graduation requirements are indicated as "College Transfer", providing an eighth category.

Table 3 indicates (using percentages) the numbers of majors in each of the above eight categories over the seventeen year period. Figure 2 presents this information graphically.

TABLE 1 - Selected LACC Graduation Statistics, 1964 - 1978

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Total Enrollment Spring	15569	14776	16606	18276	17482	19416	18218	17987	17701	18141	19248	21492	22962	20462	18963	18776	18701
Total No. AA Degrees Awarded	889	909	1069	1142	1225	1386	1577	1503	1667	1614	1706	1458	1719	1400	1288	1243	1251
% of Total Enrolled receiving AA	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.2	7.1	7.1	8.7	8.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5
No. Males Receiving AA Degree	467	490	551	580	626	717	838	767	832	793	752	649	800	608	551	587	513
No. Females Receiving AA Degree	422	419	518	562	599	669	737	736	835	821	954	809	919	792	737	656	738
% Male	52.5	53.9	51.5	50.8	51.1	51.7	53.1	51.0	49.9	49.1	44.1	44.5	46.5	43.4	42.8	47.2	41.0
% Female	47.5	46.1	48.5	49.2	48.9	48.3	46.9	49.0	50.1	50.9	55.9	55.5	53.5	56.6	57.2	52.8	59.0
No. January Grad.	359	412	439	484	510	604	647	527	678	630	762	590	544	550	367	348	348
No. June Grad.	530	497	630	658	717	782	930	976	989	984	944	868	1175	850	921	895	903
% June	59.6	54.7	58.9	57.6	58.4	56.4	59.0	64.9	59.3	61.0	55.3	59.5	68.4	60.7	71.5	72.0	72.1

TABLE 2 - LACC Degree Recipients' Stated Majors, by Department, 1964 - 1978

Department/Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
American Culture																	
Afro/Amer. Stud	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0
Armenian Stud.	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	2	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Asian Stud.	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Jewish Stud.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Chicano Stud.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	0
Total	1	0	1	0	3	7	6	4	8	6	4	10	6	5	0	1	0
Art																	
Art	14	22	25	23	26	42	39	51	49	40	37	35	42	27	23	26	17
Humanities	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Interior Design	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	14	22	25	23	26	45	42	52	49	40	38	36	44	27	23	28	22
Business Admin.																	
Accounting & Bkkp.	29	20	27	25	28	21	26	22	31	33	27	39	69	48	51	45	41
Bus. & Bus. Admin.	51	63	83	96	105	92	114	95	98	100	126	94	131	110	70	77	92
Bus. Data Proc.	0	1	0	7	12	29	36	44	32	31	33	12	32	18	26	14	23
Finance	0	0	3	8	5	4	11	6	6	3	8	6	9	8	7	[illegible]	7
Management	6	4	0	1	2	4	10	9	12	9	14	12	19	18	23	19	19
Marketing	5	6	12	4	6	7	13	13	12	11	10	13	6	9	1	1	1
Real Estate	2	6	8	10	7	6	9	7	6	3	16	14	21	8	10	9	7
Supervision	0	0	0	1	3	3	18	14	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Business Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Total	93	100	133	152	168	166	237	210	199	192	234	190	288	220	188	170	196
Chemistry																	
Chemistry	0	1	7	2	2	2	1	0	4	0	1	7	4	2	0	1	2
Paint Manufacture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	7	2	2	2	1	0	4	3	1	7	4	2	0	1	2
Computer & Elect. Tech																	
Bio-Med.Eng.Tech.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	5	3	2	1	4
Computer Tech	1	3	16	13	8	19	26	20	22	16	18	18	23	18	16	22	29
Electronics	22	19	21	14	13	32	35	10	32	22	12	17	18	23	12	0	0
Total	23	22	37	27	21	51	61	30	54	42	30	38	46	44	30	23	33

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Department/Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Dental																	
Dental Asst.	23	16	18	21	27	26	23	11	10	21	17	13	21	27	20	18	13
Dental Hygiene	2	2	0	2	3	0	1	13	10	14	17	24	27	20	18	1	0
Dental Tech.	0	0	0	4	15	10	22	23	10	15	16	9	19	13	12	10	23
Pre-Dental	4	8	2	3	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	3	4	1	0	0	0
Total	29	26	20	30	48	39	48	49	30	52	50	49	71	61	50	29	36
Earth Sciences																	
Anthropology	3	3	4	6	12	9	6	10	11	9	6	3	4	6	1	1	1
Architecture	6	9	13	15	17	15	17	8	18	12	15	22	17	7	17	19	0
Environmental Stud.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2
Geography	3	6	6	6	12	6	8	5	3	5	0	3	6	5	2	0	1
Geology	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	5	1	1	2	1	4	0	2	1	2
Oceanography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	12	18	23	28	43	33	32	28	33	27	23	30	31	18	25	23	7
Engineering & Ind. Tech																	
Eng.Gen.& Pre-Eng.	27	21	25	16	15	23	10	23	18	15	13	19	26	13	14	16	22
Civil Eng. Tech.	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	0	4	6	4	2	0
Draft.Elect.Mech.	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Draft. Eng.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	7	0	2	5	0	1	1
Elec.Eng.Tech.	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	19	16
Eng.Tech.Mech.	0	2	18	24	29	21	6	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2
Ind.Arts & St.	2	0	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	4	3	6	3	2	0	0	0
Total	39	32	47	43	47	47	21	28	29	27	26	25	40	28	18	39	41
English																	
English	34	37	46	53	56	51	68	39	32	30	31	14	24	11	7	16	9
Language Arts	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Science	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Linguistics	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	2	3	1
Literature	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0
Total	35	38	49	55	58	52	70	41	36	33	36	16	29	17	9	19	10
Family & C.S.																	
Child Development	13	20	16	22	26	36	30	26	30	29	59	55	46	58	51	42	50
Diet & Nut.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	9	14	9	6	10
Educational Aide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	34	21	27	15	4	0	1
Fam.& Cons. Sci.	11	10	5	20	22	17	25	19	12	17	13	12	15	8	4	6	2
Total	24	30	21	42	49	53	55	45	42	51	109	91	97	95	68	54	63

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Department/Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Foreign Language																	
Arabic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Classics	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign Lang. Gen.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2
French	4	2	4	8	9	10	7	6	6	2	3	2	0	4	1	2	2
German	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Hebrew	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Italian	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Latin	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Slavic Lang.	2	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Spanish	12	13	9	9	9	11	11	29	18	13	14	15	10	3	3	5	3
Trans. & Interpr.	4	4	3	4	8	8	4	4	3	4	7	0	2	0	0	1	0
Total	23	27	22	27	33	35	29	44	35	24	27	22	20	12	7	9	7
Law																	
Admin of Just.	2	5	12	8	13	29	39	51	46	52	41	43	83	41	35	32	32
Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	12	16	9	9	5
Criminology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	1	8	15	9	6	6
Fire Mgmt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	4	0	0	0
Law (Pre)	0	2	3	5	5	3	3	0	0	2	4	6	17	5	1	1	1
Legal Asst.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	16	13	33	27	12	11	9
Business Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Total	2	7	15	13	18	32	42	52	47	65	66	67	155	108	66	65	53
Life Science																	
Allied Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	30	2	5	1	0	2	1
Bacteriology	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bio-Chemistry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	5	5	1	1	0
Bio-Physics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Biology	1	4	2	4	2	6	3	7	2	3	11	2	13	14	18	3	8
Botany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Life Science	0	3	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Med. Tech	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	9	15	11	3	1	3
Pre Med.	1	3	5	2	1	1	1	4	7	3	6	6	1	3	0	0	1
Microbiology	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	1

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Department/Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Life Science (Cont)																	
Pre-Pharmacy	7	5	4	1	8	4	1	6	5	1	2	3	3	1	0	0	1
Zoology	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	0
Total	13	21	41	11	13	13	9	21	18	37	64	24	47	39	22	11	16
Math																	
Mathematics (Total)	17	17	10	6	16	18	16	11	12	10	6	6	7	5	5	3	4
Media Arts																	
Advertising Design	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10
Graphic Arts/Des.	2	2	2	0	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	3	0
Journalism	5	5	9	8	8	11	6	13	9	6	13	12	16	12	15	9	17
Photography	1	3	1	8	4	5	3	2	1	4	2	2	6	7	5	6	2
Printing Mgmt.	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Relations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	5	14	3	7	6	4
Total	10	12	14	18	17	18	11	19	14	15	21	19	36	22	28	30	33
Music																	
Music (Total)	12	7	12	6	6	10	11	11	10	15	13	23	24	26	29	20	21
Nursing																	
Nursing (Total)	47	34	42	64	40	61	79	62	91	92	118	90	142	95	110	100	125
Occ. Therapy																	
Occ. Ther.Asst(Total)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	7	14	12	14	11	19	15	13	11
Office Admin.																	
Office Admin. Gen.	20	7	19	20	27	21	16	15	32	32	19	21	32	36	22	4	16
Office Admin. Biling.	0	3	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	4	5	6	9	7	3	5	7
Office Admin. Med.	9	7	11	18	16	7	8	6	7	1	11	8	13	0	6	8	2
Med. Office Asst.	3	14	10	7	16	10	3	9	9	15	9	6	8	11	2	2	9
Off. Admin. Legal	33	34	32	38	42	39	36	40	41	29	31	21	37	28	19	12	13
Off. Admin. Office	5	10	14	5	12	18	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	1
Off. Admin. Tech.	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	12
Total	72	81	88	90	115	96	65	76	91	81	75	63	99	82	52	55	60
Ophthalmic Optics																	
Optics (Total)	1	10	5	6	3	0	5	4	9	13	14	9	13	15	14	13	8
Philosophy																	
Philosophy (Total)	4	6	7	2	10	6	8	11	7	6	4	5	7	3	3	3	2
Physical Education																	
Dance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Health	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	2	0
Physical Education	12	15	8	6	9	5	14	11	13	12	9	7	11	4	6	4	3
Physical Therapy	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	4	0	1	2	1	2

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Department/Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Physical Educ. (Cont)																	
Recreation	2	4	3	7	2	1	4	3	7	10	4	4	9	4	7	4	5
Total	16	20	11	15	12	6	20	14	21	26	16	16	21	14	18	12	10
Physics																	
Astronomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physics	2	2	4	5	1	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Total	2	2	4	5	1	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Psychology																	
Psych. Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	10	26	31	33	47	60	48	47	54
Psychology	38	44	56	60	37	63	50	43	49	69	67	85	104	62	48	27	36
Total	38	44	56	60	37	63	57	50	59	95	98	118	151	122	96	74	90
Radio,T.V.,Film																	
Bdcast. Tech.	7	12	17	13	4	4	4	4	6	11	5	8	10	12	10	11	3
Cinema	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	7	6	5	9	7	6	16
Communication St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	8
Radio Bdcast.	0	0	0	0	13	15	20	12	6	11	6	9	15	12	7	13	7
TV Bdcast.	0	0	0	0	4	7	9	7	7	7	3	5	15	8	15	10	13
Total	7	12	17	13	21	26	35	25	21	33	21	28	45	41	39	74	47
Radiologic Tech.																	
Nucl. Med. Tech.	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	4	9	6	13	11	23	10	15	11	11
Radiologic Tech.	7	9	14	14	24	25	17	12	41	54	47	37	46	28	16	14	21
Total	7	9	14	14	25	26	23	16	50	60	60	48	69	38	31	25	32
Social Sciences																	
Economics	7	10	11	2	7	3	0	6	7	3	1	10	5	1	0	1	1
Education	97	56	38	44	41	35	26	24	40	11	11	11	28	37	43	2	3
History	33	33	56	68	45	57	68	47	42	29	19	16	19	17	6	6	11
Int'l. Relations	3	7	4	6	4	4	0	3	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kinesiology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Political Science	16	21	23	18	30	32	32	29	26	33	30	14	27	22	18	11	3
Sociology	41	48	55	55	62	88	105	93	102	70	61	39	44	24	21	25	22
Social Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total	197	175	187	193	189	219	231	202	219	151	123	92	133	101	88	46	45

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TABLE 2 - Continued

	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Speech																	
Speech	0	1	10	7	3	6	5	6	1	10	5	2	7	5	8	1	0
Speech Pathology	0	1	1	0	2	6	7	4	4	1	3	5	4	2	3	2	5
Total	0	2	11	7	5	12	12	10	5	11	8	7	11	7	11	3	5
Theatre																	
Theatre (Total)	6	8	13	10	18	21	16	14	19	19	24	10	24	14	19	5	11
Transportation																	
Transportation (Total)	9	10	14	19	27	23	31	30	25	33	23	21	40	33	31	31	33
College Trans.Major	136	116	123	161	154	203	296	346	412	346	360	284	336	234	201	264	219
GRAND TOTAL	889	909	1069	1142	1225	1386	1577	1503	1667	1614	1706	1458	1719	1400	1288	1243	1242

TABLE 3 - AA Degrees Earned at LACC, 1964 - 1980, by Area of Stated Major (in percents)

Major	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Business	10.5	11.0	12.6	13.3	13.7	12.0	14.9	13.9	12.0	11.9	13.7	13.0	14.1	14.2	14.5	13.7	15.7
Fine Arts	3.6	4.1	4.7	3.4	4.1	5.5	4.4	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.3	5.5	4.2	4.3
Sciences	9.3	10.0	12.6	8.3	10.0	8.2	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.4	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.0	5.5	6.2	6.3
Communications	6.5	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.2	7.0	6.3	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.1	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.4	1.8
Social Sciences	27.0	24.8	23.7	22.3	19.5	21.3	19.0	17.7	17.7	15.9	13.4	15.4	14.5	15.0	14.4	10.0	11.0
Voc.-Health	14.0	14.2	10.7	15.0	14.5	13.4	14.8	13.0	15.1	19.0	22.2	21.7	20.7	21.8	23.6	19.8	22.8
Voc.-Tech.	13.8	15.8	16.5	15.8	17.9	17.8	15.4	15.3	15.2	16.6	13.9	18.2	20.5	21.3	19.0	22.4	20.7
College Transfer	15.3	12.8	11.6	14.1	12.6	14.7	18.7	22.9	24.8	21.4	21.1	19.5	16.4	15.1	15.6	21.2	17.5

FIGURE 1 - A.A. Degrees Earned at LACC - 1964-1980

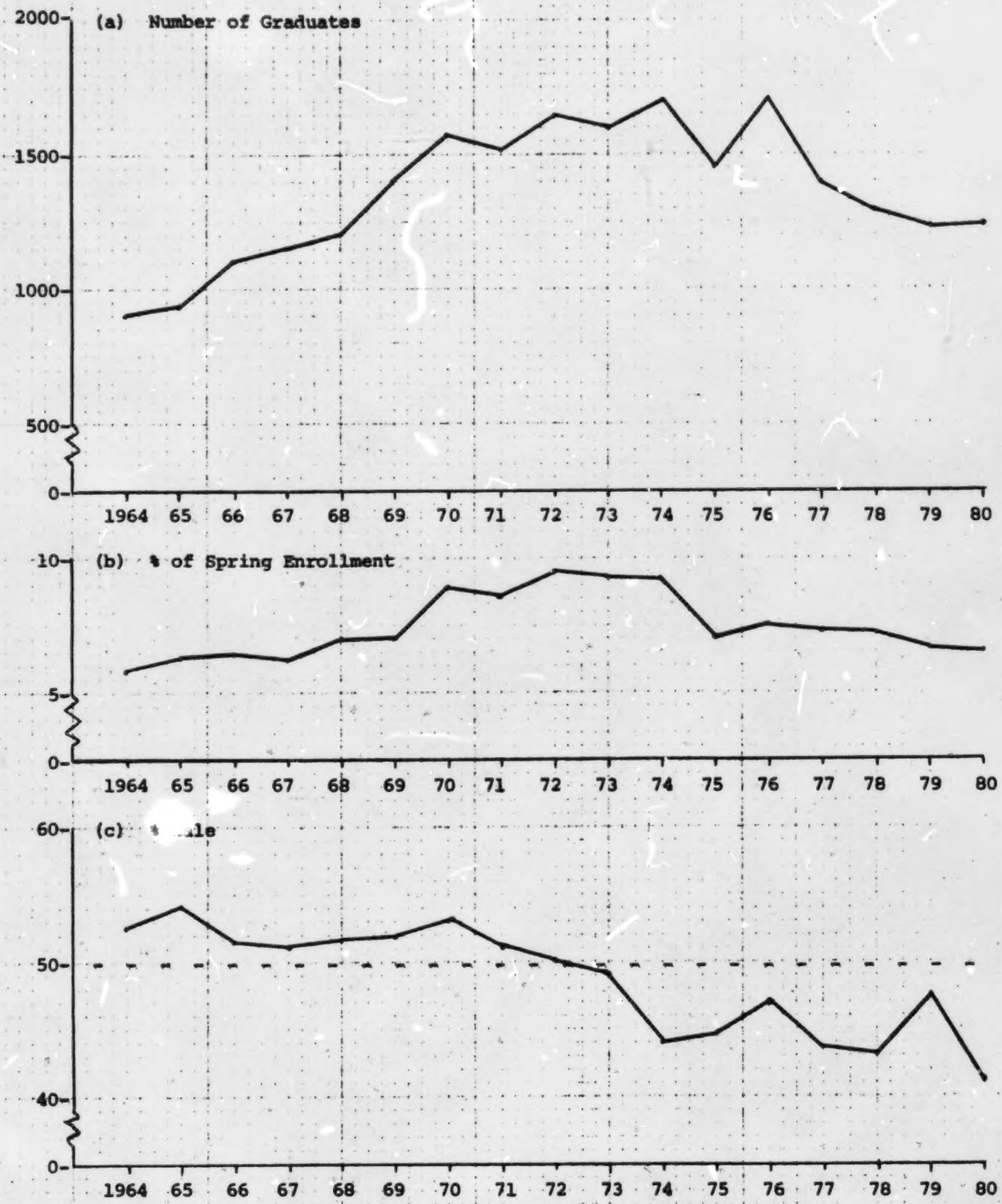
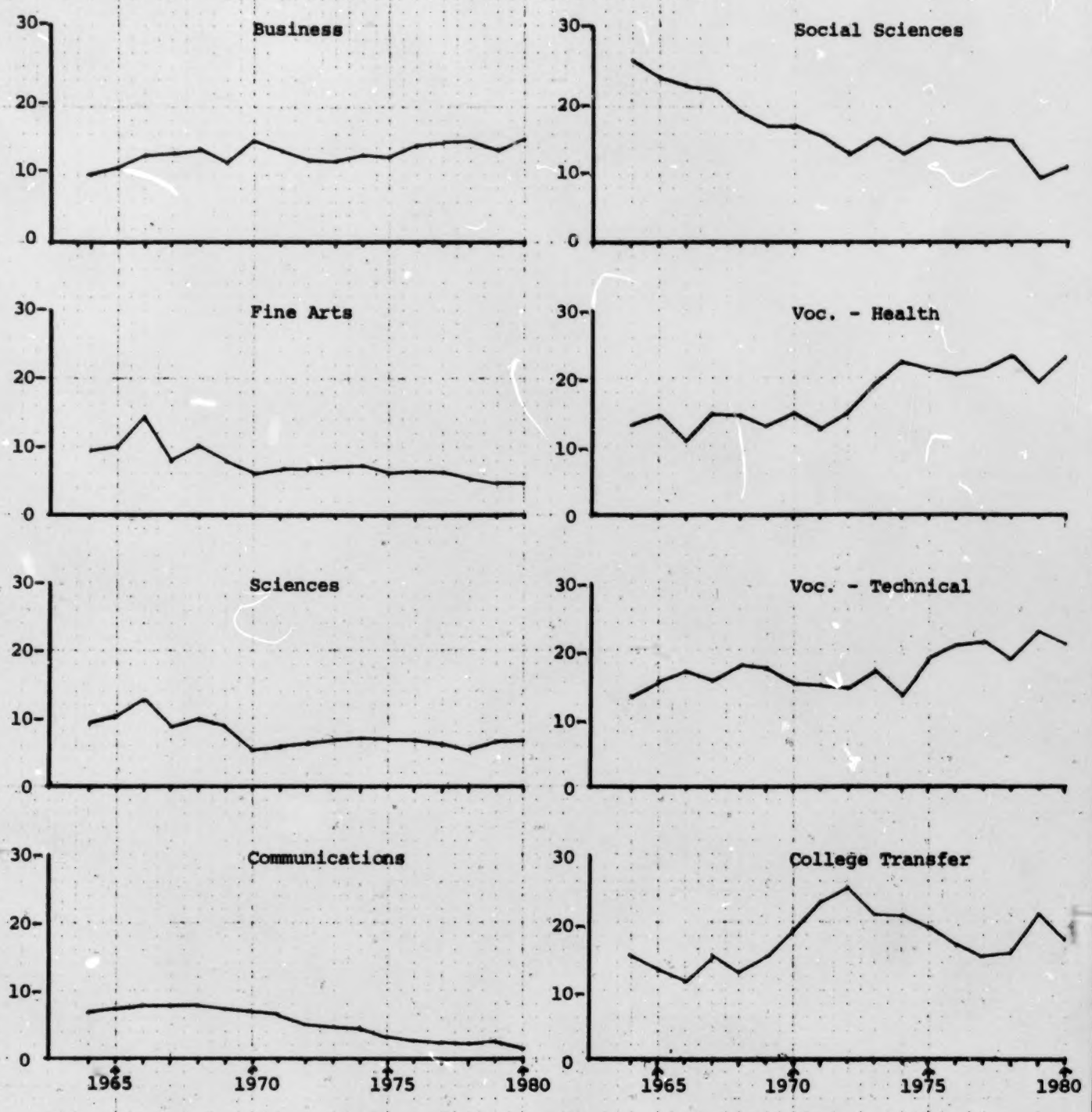


FIGURE 2 - A.A. Degrees Earned at LACC, 1964-80, by Area of Stated Major (in percents)



OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

This study looks at some characteristics of students who have earned the A.A. degree at LACC during the past seventeen years.

Following are some observations on the findings:

(1) Number of A.A. degrees awarded during an academic year rose from about 900 in the mid-sixties to 1600-1700 during the early seventies. After a peak of 1719 in 1976, the number dropped sharply and for the past three years has been about 1250.

(2) The number of graduates for a particular year has amounted to between 5 and 10 percent of the spring enrollment. Highest percent was 9.4 in 1972, lowest was 5.7 in 1964.

(3) Approximately one-third of the graduates complete their work during the fall semester, two-thirds during the spring semester.

(4) Since 1972, more females than males have received degrees. In 1980 the percent female reached 59.0, an all-time high.

(5) A subjective clustering of majors indicates that the number of A.A. degrees awarded in vocational areas, especially those in health services, has increased markedly over the past seventeen years. The number receiving degrees in majors relating to business has also increased but not as markedly. Areas showing decline in numbers are Fine Arts and Communications (slightly), Sciences (although not since 1970), and Social Sciences (markedly).